

Lamoine Consolidated School May 12, 2006

PATRONS MEETING

The next PATRONS meeting will be THURSDAY, May 18th at 6:30. We will be discussing our last dance (a raise the flag fundraiser), the Family Fun Day/ BarBQue, Awards night, and pick a winner for the scholarship. This will be our LAST meeting of this school year!

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 15th – Hancock @ Lamoine **Tuesday, May 16th – Lamoine @ Surry** Wednesday, May 17th – Cave Hill @ Lamoine Monday, May 22nd – Trenton @ Lamoine

Wednesday, May 24th – Lamoine at Beech Hill **Two five-inning games will be played at Beech Hill starting at 3:15 Tuesday, May 30th – Quarter-Finals

Tuesday, May 30th – Quarter-Finals Thursday, June 1st – Semi-Finals Wednesday, June 7th – Championship Game

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

Awards Night will be on Monday, June 12 at 5:00 pm. This is for the baseball and softball teams and grades 5, 6 & 7 citizenship and academic awards.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

Thanks to the students, parents, & staff for making our pet photo contest a success. We raised \$540 towards "Jina's Gym". The first place winners were:

Best of Show – Mama horse & baby – owners

Jillian & Elise Dow

Best Dog – Daisy May – Mrs. Duym Best Cat – Lucky – Michelle Moore Silliest – Lucky – Michelle Moore Most Unusual – Jerkey Turkey – Tyeler Grey Best Buddies – Angel & Starlite (cats) – owners

Jane & Maya Parlee

HOT LUNCH MONEY

Hot lunch accounts **need to be paid in full** by the end of the school year. Please call the school to get the total due for your student.

GRADES 5 - 8 CONCERT

The concert for grades 5 - 8 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25^{th} .

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

The Lamoine 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 15th

JINA'S GYM BENEFIT DANCE

Jina's Gym Benefit Dance will be held on Saturday, May 20th at the Elks Lodge – Ellsworth from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. **Tickets are available at the Lamoine Consolidated School office.** Please call Linda Eaton at 667-3413 or email her at lkaryl@verizon.net or Enid Neleski at 667-8824 if you can help in any way.

DRESS CODE

Every year about this time, as the weather turns warmer, we start to see student dress that goes beyond the limits of our dress code. One of the provisions of the student dress code says, "that unacceptable attire includes not only clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco or other drugs but dress that is immodest or revealing that distracts from the educational process." Parental awareness of the clothing students are wearing will be helpful. Shorts need to be at least fingertip length. **NO belly shirts or short shorts!**

LITTER CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 13 will be the 3rd annual Litter Clean Up Day in Lamoine. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the town office and be assigned to various stretches of roads throughout the town.

Clean up will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m., rain or shine. It is recommended that volunteers wear boots and brightly colored clothing and bring work gloves. Garbage bags, thin plastic glove liners, orange safety vests and drinking water will be provided. Volunteers may want to wear a backpack to carry water and extra garbage bags. All ages are welcome. Families with younger children can help cleanup the parks and beaches. Any questions can be directed to the Lamoine town office at 667-2242.

6th, 7th & 8th GRADE DRAMA
6th, 7th, 8th graders interested in drama?
Acting? Tech? Music? Backstage work?
Carol Korty will again direct Lamoine
Middle School students in a play to perform
at the Grange Hall, Saturday, July 8th. The
script we pick will depend on how many
people wish to be involved and are able to
commit to the rehearsal schedule. You'll
receive a handout with information to take
home and discuss with your parents before

making a commitment to the project. Registration forms can be dropped off in the school office.

"TASTES OF LAMOINE" COOKBOOKS

The "Tastes of Lamoine" cookbooks are in and they look AWESOME! Cookbooks are available for purchase in the office at school during the school day. Cost is \$8.00 per book. Purchase extras, these will make great gifts!!

CHEERLEADING CAMP AT HUSSON

Cheerleaders who would like to go to camp to please call Cori-Lynn @ 460-0010 to register before May 25th! NCA Camp at Husson College is from July 11-14, for girls and boys that will be in the 5th through 9th grade next fall (even if you have never cheered before)! Total camp price is \$235.00 and \$50.00 is due at registration!!

PEEWEE CHEERING CAMP

Cori-Lynn will be holding PeeWee Cheering Camp August 16-19. Session I is for grades 3-4 and will be from 8:30-10:45 a.m. Aug. 16-18.

Session II is for K – 2 from 11:00 – 12:30 a.m. Aug 16 – 18. On August 19th parents are invited to the performance for both Sessions I & II starting 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 which includes a camp t-shirt. To register call Cori-Lynn at 460-0010. Proceeds to go to Lamoine Cheering and Jina's Gym.

LOST & FOUND

There are a number of sweatshirts, jackets and lunchboxes in the lost and found pile. *Please come in and see if anything belongs to your child.* The pile will be taken to Goodwill at the end of school.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Homework has evolved over the century and the notion that parents are not capable of assisting their children with homework is not the situation anymore. In the 21st century, there are a number of Web sites that can offer assistance to students with their homework. However, this help may not be as beneficial to students as a parent, mentor, or teacher would be. The Web sites range from A+Math (www.aplusmath.com) to Homework Help (www.about.com/homework); all of these are at most students' fingertips. Some of the Web sites provide students with free homework help while others request \$1.00 per question asked. There are also Web sites aimed at parents-Hey Frustrated Parents: Homework helper: Quickly and easily get your kids to do their homework guaranteed every single night without a fight, an argument or even a reminder.

(<u>www.homeworkmotivator.com-</u> located from a Yahoo Search! for homework).

Homework is definitely changing with the times. Avram Goldstein (1960) said that homework should clearly be required in all schools. Studying and completing homework should be reasonable, should have attainable goals, and should be productive for the student. For homework to be more effective, schools need to combine with after-school programs. Where this is being done, the results have been enormous. Such programs have been shown to produce higher educational outcomes (Jordan and Nettles, 2000). Also, after-school programs will build up self-esteem of students, as well as providing a motivator for the students to complete homework.

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